

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-5, 7, 11-14, 16-20, 23-25 and 27-28 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 29-45 are added. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

Claims 1-28 (Canceled).

Claim 29 (New). An isolated protease with more than 90% sequence identity with the amino acid sequence shown as amino acids 1 to 226 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 30 (New). The protease of claim 29, with more than 92% sequence identity with the sequence of amino acids 1 to 226 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 31 (New). The protease of claim 29, with more than 94% sequence identity with the sequence of amino acids 1 to 226 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 32 (New). The protease of claim 29, with more than 96% sequence identity with the sequence of amino acids 1 to 226 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 33 (New). The protease of claim 29, with more than 97% sequence identity with the sequence of amino acids 1 to 226 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 34 (New). The protease of claim 29, with more than 98% sequence identity with the sequence of amino acids 1 to 226 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 35 (New). The protease of claim 29, with more than 99% sequence identity with the sequence of amino acids 1 to 226 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 36 (New). The protease of claim 29, comprising the sequence of amino acids 1 to 226 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 37 (New). The protease of claim 29, consisting of the sequence of amino acids 1 to 226 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 38 (New). The protease of claim 29, which is a fragment of the sequence of amino acids 1 to 226 of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the fragment has protease activity.

Claim 39 (New). The protease of claim 29, which is a trypsin like protease.

Claim 40 (New). The protease of claim 29, which has a residual activity of at least 50% after storage for 30 minutes at 35°C when tested using the method disclosed in Example V.

Claim 41 (New). The protease of claim 40, which has a residual activity of at least 55% after storage for 30 minutes at 35°C.

Claim 42 (New). The protease of claim 29, which is a variant protease.

Claim 43 (New). A cleaning or detergent composition comprising the protease of claim 29 and a surfactant.

Claim 44 (New). The composition of claim 43, which additionally comprises a cellulase, lipase, cutinase, oxidoreductase, another protease, an amylase, or a mixture thereof.

Claim 45 (New). A method for cleaning or washing a hard surface or laundry, the method comprising contacting the hard surface or the laundry with the composition of claim 42.